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Dear Parent/Carer

Personal Development Day 2, Year 11 Intervention, Year 11 Parents' Evening Bookings, Year 7 Disco Arrangements, RP6th Changemakers Project, Christmas Lunch – 17 December 2025, Headmaster Tie Nominations

Welcome to my end of week update letter. The next few letters up until the festive break will see plenty of important updates as the trips, evening events and activities come thick and fast.

This week, our football teams have been in action in various county and national competitions. Our u14 girls played a great game for the neutral in their county cup, drawing 5-5 AET with Spalding before losing on penalties. The Year 7 footballers beat St George's 4-0 in the county cup, our Year 8 team beat Thomas Middlecott 2-0 in their county cup, while the Year 9 team played Dronfield and won 2-1 in the national cup. The latter result is all the more creditable given the opposition were Derbyshire's county champions.

More updates below:

Personal Development Day 2

All of our students will be participating in their Second Personal Development Day on Wednesday 3 December.

In Year 7, students will be learning about the challenging inappropriate behaviour, exploring the fundamental British Values that uphold our nation, exploring how to resolve conflict between their peers and exploring Unifrog, a fantastic resource that allows students to explore career options through their current interests.

In Year 8, students will be exploring the different strategies for learning they can utilise in their lessons, learning about the impacts of data sharing on their personal lives and undertaking the Enterprise Tyre Challenge – a task that explores the impact of wasted tyres on the environment and methods of utilising them for a better purpose.

In Year 9, students will be exploring the different GCSE options provided by the Academy, understanding the role of the House of Lords in government and assessing the need for communication, emotional wellbeing and boundaries in a romantic relationship.

In Year 10, students will be exploring the aspects of an unhealthy relationship and how to challenge these aspects, as well as undertaking the Enterprise food challenge – a task that explores sustainability and responsible consumption to reduce food waste.

In Year 11, students interested in A-level studies will be undertaking a critical thinking workshop run by the RP6th team. Other students will be utilising this time to update their CVs in preparation for Post-16 pathways. Students will also be exploring different revision strategies and how to effectively utilise them.

All students in KS4 will also be completing a session on fact-checking information and how to approach different sources of information.

Our Year 12 students will be exploring workshops on car maintenance and staying safe at night.

Our Year 13 students will be taking part in a revision workshop hosted by the University of Lincoln, as well as undertaking mock interviews conducted by our SLT in preparation for their further studies.

During the afternoon, each of our KS5 students will be leaving the Academy for an afternoon of stress-busting at Gutterball in the city centre.

Each of our students in Years 7-11 will also be exploring the role of respect in our Academy and how respect is upheld between peers, staff and members of the community.

Year 11 Intervention

Our full programme of intervention has begun for Year 11 in preparation, in the first instance, for the mock examinations in January. The intervention timetable can be found by following this link [Year 11 Intervention Timetable - Term 2](#). We would appreciate your support in discussing the programme on offer with your child to help them to plan their time effectively.

Students are not required to sign up to sessions, but should ensure that they arrive at sessions promptly to enable the time to be maximised. If students arrive to sessions late, they may not be accommodated. Attendance at all intervention sessions will be monitored and students will receive entries into a prize draw. After-school sessions will run from 3:20pm until 4:15pm unless otherwise stated and students who usually take the school bus will have to make alternative arrangements for their transport home.

If you have any questions about our Year 11 intervention offer, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Miss Norman at LNorman@SRPA.co.uk.

Year 11 Parents' Evening Bookings

Mr Kirk will be sending out booking instructions on Tuesday next week for the evening of Wednesday 10 December 2025. At the evening itself, our Senior Student Leadership Team (SSLT) will have a revision stall with pre-loved revision materials for sale for nominal amounts. ParentPay or cash can be used to purchase these.

Year 7 Disco arrangements

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 for our Christmas disco on 4 December 2025. Please can students be dropped off at 6pm where they will be met and signed in by their House team. If students wish to take part in any of the games we have available or purchase any drinks or snacks, they will need to bring cash with them. We would advise no more than £5.

Students will be signed out at 8pm and can be collected in the car park by parents/carers.



Please note, we cannot accommodate ticket sales on the evening of the event.

We look forward to a fun evening.

RP6th Changemakers Project

12HBA are undertaking a Changemakers project this term in partnership with the Salvation Army.

The group are co-ordinating donations of small, new gifts that will be given to children aged 11-18 in the local area who are in need this Christmas. Suggested items to donate include stationery sets, toiletry gift sets, age-appropriate books, gloves, hats and scarves and small Lego and craft sets.

All gifts will need to be donated by Monday 8 December 2025 so that Year 12 students can sort them in preparation for donation to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Any gift, however small, will be greatly appreciated by the young people who may be in less fortunate circumstances this Christmas.

Christmas Lunch – 17 December 2025

On Wednesday 17 December 2025, we will be offering our annual Christmas lunch to students prior to the Christmas break. Please use the link below to confirm whether you wish for your child to receive a Christmas lunch, subject to the usual charges:

[Christmas Lunch - 17 December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

Headmaster Tie Nominations

It is that time of the year again when I ask for nominations for Headmaster Ties. These are special ties given out by me three times a year during Full School Assembly for services beyond the norm to Music, Drama, Sport, Charity Fundraising and Leadership. This can be for activities in or out of the Academy and is open to all year groups. Staff are already in the process of their nominations.

Should you wish to nominate your child for a Colours award, please email my PA, Miss Timbrell, using ltimbrell@srpa.co.uk by close on Friday 12 December 2025. Thank you.

We are around halfway through this half term and well on our way towards Christmas. It is easy to play it safe and not always put ourselves forward for new experiences. I saw a lovely quote this week from Richard Branson about grabbing opportunities when they present themselves to us – “If somebody offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes, then learn how to do it later.”

Brilliant advice!

I will write again soon.



Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster

